



City of WOODSTOCK

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The Woodstock Police Department has observed an increase in “Burglary/Theft from Motor Vehicles” throughout the City of Woodstock. All of these recent burglaries and thefts have had the common factor of the driver/owner leaving their vehicles unlocked and unsecure.

During any time of the year, it is extremely important to be aware of the potential for crime. The Woodstock Police Department encourages its residents and visitors to follow some basic safety tips and together we can work to prevent crime.

- **Do not leave valuables such as wallets, cell phones, electronic equipment, gifts, or packages visible inside the passenger area of your vehicle. Keep these items on your person or secure them in the trunk of your car.**
- **Always lock and secure the doors and windows of your vehicle, even if you only intend to be away for a short period of time.**
- **Park in a well-lit area or where there is plenty of pedestrian traffic.**
- **Install a vehicle alarm system.**
- **Report any suspicious persons or activity immediately to the police.**

It has been our experience that most criminals search for easy targets. Thus, by making it difficult for thieves it can either prevent the crime from occurring and/or buy enough time for suspects to be apprehended. Always be aware of your surroundings and take the necessary steps to protect yourself, family members, and valuables.